

BIRTH.

Royal News DEATHS

Tuz Shanghai Police Force contains some of the best first-class marksmen. In a recent competition at 400 and 500 yards, Sergt. F. R. recorded 68 out of a possible 70, 35 at 400 yards and 33 at 500; Inspector Wilson recorded 66, 31 at 400 yards and 35 at 500.

A Chinese passenger who brought 240 taels of prepared opium on the ship *Haiten* yesterday was punished by the Excise Officers, and is now appearing before the Magistrate to-day. He was fined \$500, with the alternative of six months' imprisonment. His defence was that he did not know he had it. The

THE P. & O. mail steamer *Rosetta* brought two lakhs of the new British dollars to Singapore. Hongkong has to wait for the next English mail, which will bring lakhs more. Any Russian armed with the same old time-honoured joke about the 'pawnee' may call at the office of this paper between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. The office is closed.

Tsz Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint Lieutenant Lawrence Hugh Crawford, Royal Naval Reserve, an ordinary member of the Civil Division of the Third Class or Companion of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. The above notification refers to Capt. Crawford, now in the command of the P. and O. steamer *Shanghai*, which left Hongkong for London on the 8th June.

THE cheerful chirp of the uncoiled whorl of the harrow is again heard in the land, loud and persistent enough to set even a turtle dove's teeth on edge, and to disturb even a Government official at work. C. Mr. Haas, whose work at present is the work of a Police Superintendent and Harbour Master, and Assistant Ditto and a few others, have been brought before the Magistrate.

...ate to-day charged with creating a nuisance by letting their wheelbarrows shriek so shrilly, thereby tending to provoke a serious breach of the peace (though this latter phrase does not appear in the formal charge). His Worship adjourned the case for 'further enquiries,' as to whether the wheelbarrows would get some cart-grease.

magistrate, Mr H. E. Wodehouse, this morning. Chan Yu, a pig-keeper, of Ho-mun-tin near Yau-ma-ti, was accused, with his wife Li Soi and his son Chan Ut, of having set fire to a shanty near their house, with intent to murder the inmates of the shanty, namely a widow called Mai Tai and her daughter, and a bricklayer who occupied a room in the building.

was found to be on fire about midnight on the 30th June, and the neighbors managed to put out the flames. A can of kerosene, opened and burning, was found in the door-way, and another open tin full of oil was found on the roof of a small lean-to shed. The building was hardly of an insurable nature, nor was it a promising field for slunder: whence in the opinion

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pany, Limited, has introduced a novel
the shape of insurance against loss
damage by typhoons. It has always been
a source of wonder why insurance against
typhoon risks had never been promoted in

the 1874 typhoon, which almost wrecked the Colony as completely as the cyclone which passed over Mauritius two years ago, had the effect of deterring Insurance Companies from making the new departure. As to the advantage of this class of insurance there can be very little difference of opinion. House-owners and tradesmen, and particularly mortgagors, ought to welcome

the Commercial Union Assurance Co., Mr. W. Macbeane, will be pleased to furnish further particulars. We understand that rates will be very moderate, very little more than fire rates for first-class European property. The owners of house property at the Peak should now feel happy, if they insure with the Commercial Union.

RECENTLY we had to report (from Manila papers) the total wreck of the Spanish steamer *Gravina* with all hands but two, by a typhoon off Capones, in the Philippine Islands. An American paper, apparently bursting with geographical originality, prints the item in this guise:—

'The Spanish steamer *Gravina*, bound for Antwerp for Lisbon, was lost on the 20th inst. off Capones, and only 20 persons were saved.'

We had never suspected that a steamship from the Southern Philippines might all the while be only on the way from Antwerp to Lisbon—probably 'via port of Spain'. Another item of news which we tried to publish here some time ago is now given in the following style by the American journalist:—

The Japanese have bombarded
one of the leading towns.
Another American telegram,
to the recent. Bedouin
calls the place Judah.

BANJOES, Guitars, Mandolines, Auto
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A TURTLE of unusually large size was captured yesterday afternoon by some members of the City Club, near Capri-moon, in the course of the Club's weekly bathing picnic. The turtle was seen swimming in a shallow pool, and after an exciting 'hunt' it was driven ashore and secured. It was as much as four cooies could carry, and when brought into Hong-kong weighed it scaled 270 pounds.

Four privates of the Rifle Brigade were brought before the Magistrate to-day on a charge of fighting in Cheong Street. A Chinese looking, in giving evidence, innocently remarked, 'I want to separate them, but I could not.' If he could, it would be an awful reflection on the fighting power of the British army. The soldiers were ultimately arrested by European policemen, and have been handed over to the military authorities for treatment. One of the men was on patrol duty, not fighting.

The charge against the Captain or agents of the steamer *Panama*, that they had neglected to take reasonable precautions against the smuggling of opium into the Colony by their vessel, was again before Mr. H. E. Wodehouse at the Magistrate to-day, having been previously heard and dismissed, and now reopened. Mr. H. E. Wodehouse conducted the prosecution, and Mr. E. C. Ellis the defence. The evidence showed that in twelve months there had been fifteen convictions for smuggling on vessels arriving in the Harbour from Canton, and that the police when searching had not much difficulty in detecting cases. On the other hand, it was stated that the Customs officers at Canton always search the ship before she comes to Hongkong; and there are very emphatic proclamations in Chinese posted up in the cabin and all over the ship, warning passengers against bringing opium to Hong-kong. The passengers are usually very numerous. His Worship dismissed the charge again. Mr. Ellis asked that the charge should be held 'vacations' and the prosecution was not to go far.

His Excellency the Governor has sent the following autograph letter of thanks to Detective-Sergeant Melver for his special services in compelling the keepers of common lodging-houses to register in accordance with Sanitary Board regulations:—'It is my pleasure to convey to you an expression of my appreciation of your services as an Acting Inspector of Nuisances in connection with the registration of common lodging-houses. I fully recognise the valuable services which you have rendered, and I shall bear in mind those services when an opportunity offers for giving practical effect to that recognition.' Mainly owing to Sergeant Melver's efforts 300 lodging-houses have now been registered, the keepers of about 300 having had to appear before the Police Magistrates. Sergeant Melver has certainly had a distinguished record during the past twelve months, particularly during the plague period, and fully deserves the practical recognition of the Governor.

On Saturday night the Willard Opera Co. appeared in the 'Lady Slavey,' a new musical comedy in two acts, before an extremely good house, despite the bad weather. Miss L. Mowbray, in the title role, was excellent both in her singing and acting, and thoroughly deserved the hearty applause she received for all her vocal merits. *Flo. Honeydew* was played by Miss Booth very satisfactorily. The Misses Ryder and Howarth were all that could be desired in the parts of *Mabel* and *Beatrice*, the Major's two daughters. The two Sheriff Officers (Roberts, and Capt. Fitzmorris), in the hands of Messrs H. Hall and F. Fletcher, were too funny for words, especially the former, who simply kept the audience in roars of laughter with his comic songs and witty sayings. His rendering of 'The Tears rolled down his cheek' was so very quaint that even the ladies were obliged to laugh. Although he referred to the 'Storm in a Tea Cup' at the L.R.C., it seemed to greatly amuse many of those who were present. Mr. F. Courtenay as *Major O'Neil* and Mr. C. Schubert as *Fineat O'Neil* were also both extremely good, especially the latter who was deservedly cheered for the song 'Promise Me.' Mr. A. J. Lova interpreted the part of *Lord Lovender* with great care, which proves that he is an artist of no small order, and certainly ought to be given parts where his talent would have more scope. The dances, choruses, &c., were as usual rendered in the careful way characteristic of this Company. To-night the Company will give a farewell Variety Entertainment, which is sure to draw a good house. They leave for Shanghai to-morrow in the P. & O. str. *Japan*. We wish them every success in the Model Settlement.

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ADMIRAL of the Fleet the Hon. Sir Charles Gilbert J. Brydson Elliot died on 21st May at his residence, Brydson, near Southampton. As Commander of the forces engaged, he was present at the capture of a portion of the city of Canton in October, 1856; and at the destruction of Chinese war vessels in the *Beagle Creek* in May, 1857; and commanded the Naval Brigade at the attack on Canton in December, 1857. He also took part in the destruction of the *Fishan* forts of war junks, June, 1857.

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The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty:—Sub-Lieutenant James H. Dathan, to the *Floer*; J. N. D. Watson, to the *Albion*; Midshipman—J. F. Mallow, to the *Centurion*, to date May 18. Lieut. (Acting R.N.R.) H. G. Alston, to the *Mercury*, to date May 30.

VICE-ADMIRAL William Cox Chapman, of Woodville, Lyons, Regis, Devon, died on 14th June, at the age of sixty-seven, served in the *Bell* in the Chinese war of 1842, and was present at the storming of Chingking-foo and the final operations before Nanking, receiving for these services the China medal.

Mr. J. N. Dick has arrived in Singapore, says the *Free Press*, to relieve Mr. A. Rowe at the Government Engineer Surveyor Office. Mr. Rowe leaves by the *Ulysses* on Thursday. It is reported, in connection with survey work, that a new man is to be appointed as Lloyd's Surveyor, who shall look after the survey of hull, cargo and machinery. [Hongkong now has a Lloyd's Surveyor on the above mentioned one-man system.—Ed. (C.M.)]

It is reported from Canton, says the *N.-C. Daily News*, that owing to the destruction of the best portion of the Chinese navy, the new Viceroy Tan Chung-lin, in order to cut down expenses has ordered the closing of the Whampoa Naval School and the dismissal of the scholars. The school will be re-opened when China's navy has been re-constructed and more junior officers are required—a most shortsighted policy in keeping with the anti-foreign Chinese party of which the new Viceroy is a chief.

AMONG the passengers who arrived at Shanghai on the 23rd June by the *Empress of India* was Mr. S. Chinda, the new Japanese Consul-General, and his staff. Mr. Chinda was received at the Custom House by the Japanese committee and a number of his nationals. At the same time the Nippon Yusen Kaisha flag was hoisted on the company's flagstaff in Hongkong for the first time since the breaking out of the war, and later in the day, day and night fireworks were let off from a boat moored off Futung Point.

LORD Dufferin's new racing yacht *Vallentyne III*, was launched at Partick on May 27. The new *Vallentyne* is much larger than the old one, and is 150 feet on the water line, 30 feet beam, 17 feet. There is a sail area of 14,000 feet, being about 3,000 more than the *Britannia* or *Vallentyne No. 2*. The mast is of enormous height compared with the *Britannia*, being nearly 160 feet long. Amongst other things it is rigged she will undergo her trial on the Clyde.

WHILE some of the native passengers were loading on the *Whampoa* at Shanghai on the 23rd June, says the *N.-C. Daily News*, they were overtaken by the River Police, who arrested a number of them, who had, besides a number of shoes of value, three bags of dollars to the number of 2,600. His luggage was seized on the suspicion that the Mexicans were a portion of Government money which had been looted in Formosa. The *Whampoa* brought up quite a lot of money which was in the hands of the passengers, though there is no suspicion that they came by it otherwise than honestly.

THE Government have again chartered the *Admiral* and *Britannia*, belonging to the Peninsular and Oriental Company, and the *Dilbar*, belonging to the British India Company, for the troop season 1895-96, to be assisted by Her Majesty's ship *Malabar*. The first transport is to leave Southampton at the beginning of September, and the second at the end of the month. It is understood that the transport service will, in future, be carried out at Southampton.

A *Telegraph* telegram from Winnipeg says that the Hon. Mr. P. L. P. French, the late British Minister at Tokio, has arrived there, accompanied by his brother, on his way back to England to recruit his health. In reply to questions as to the probable result of the recent war between China and Japan, Mr. French expressed the opinion that an effect would be beneficial, but observed that a century would be required to imbue China with a progressive spirit.

ACCORDING to the *Grassdawn*, writes the *St. Petersburg Courier* of the Standard, the Government has granted a sum of one thousand roubles to the Committee of the Russian Volunteer Fleet as a contribution towards the cost of building three new fast steamers, which are chiefly intended for the conveyance to Vladivostok of the extensive supplies required by the Russian settlements in the Far East.

THE peculiar character of the trade of this Port, says the *P. and T. Times* of the 22nd ult., is shown by the fact that not long ago there were seventeen steamers in port and waiting outside for lighters, and not only was the bund densely packed with cargo but the steamer agents had to provide additional accommodation above, below and opposite the British Consulate, yet within three weeks we observe from the Customs Report that there were only three steamers in port, all bound down river.

THE *Sinopaw* states that the American 'Owls' have made a number of charges against Mr. Schnell, for nearly twenty years' drill instructor to the *Peking* forces. The main charge preferred by Mr. Owls against Mr. Schnell has reference to the latter's conduct at Weihaiwei during the attack on that stronghold. In consequence of the charges the Viceroy has appointed a Commission consisting of Sheng, Tien-tsin Customs Tsoai, Lo, Naval Secretary, and Mr. Deiring, Commissioner of Customs at Tientsin, to investigate the case.

WEATHER NOTICE.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—
On the 30th June at 11.15 a.m. The shallow depression to the S. of Hongkong appears to be moving slowly towards N.W. At 11.30 a.m. Forecast—barometer steady, moderate fresh E. to S.E. wind; squally and showery. Telegraphic communication between the Observatory and Hongkong was interrupted from 2.40 p.m. to 2.50 p.m. on the 30th.

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY.

The Secretary of the Punjon Mining Co. Ltd. advised the receipt of the following Report for May from Mr. Blamey, the Manager at the Mine:—
Mining August Shaft, 200 ft. Level.—Good progress has been made in driving the No. 2 Crescent; 65 feet having been driven, making its total length from the Main North Crescent 565 feet. A few days ago we came up to a mass of broken reef matter showing aspects of free gold, but as it is lying at a very low angle (about 250) and is enclosed in very broken country rock, I cannot now say as to its value. We shall continue driving E.S. as hitherto until we are sure that the course of that Reef has been reached, when if nothing of value is found, drives will be opened upon the course of the reef already passed through.

Intermediate 140 ft. Level.—There is no change to report here, the stopes, etc., still giving the usual quantities of free gold, but as it is lying at a very low angle (about 250) and is enclosed in very broken country rock, I cannot now say as to its value. We shall continue driving E.S. as hitherto until we are sure that the course of that Reef has been reached, when if nothing of value is found, drives will be opened upon the course of the reef already passed through.

Early in the month we found a small leader in the North side of these stopes which has given us a few tons of very fair reef, but as it is lying at a very low angle (about 250) and is enclosed in very broken country rock, I cannot now say as to its value. We shall continue driving E.S. as hitherto until we are sure that the course of that Reef has been reached, when if nothing of value is found, drives will be opened upon the course of the reef already passed through.

Upper Shaft.—We continue to do little in there, and get a small quantity of ore for the mill.

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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']
THE RUSSIAN CHINA LOAN.
The Russian-China loan has virtually collapsed, China objecting to pledge the Customs to Russia.

COMPLETION OF THE CABINET.

Lord George Hamilton—Secretary of State for India.
Lord Lansdowne—Secretary of State for War.
Sir Mathew White Ridley—Home Secretary.
Viscount Cross—Lord Privy Seal.
Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie—President of the Board of Trade.
Lord Ashbourne—Lord High Chancellor.
Lord Cadogan—Viceroy of Ireland.
Lord Balfour of Burleigh—Secretary for Scotland.

GREAT BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

At the annual dinner of the London Chamber of Commerce, on May 29, the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Takaki Kato, said it was now the duty of diplomats to promote good feeling among nations. He viewed the great progress Japan had made, and declared she had no motives save those which were praised—worthy. (Hear, hear.) Japanese trade with Great Britain was of great value. It was true Japan was manufacturing cotton yarn, matches, and other goods, but the fact was that the import of cotton yarn to Japan was increasing in spite of home manufactures, and there was a great field for other productions. Japan wished to buy the best article in the market, and the Japanese market was open to all.

THE CRISIS IN FORMOSA.

THE SITUATION AT ANPING.
COMMUNICATION FROM THE BRITISH MINISTER.
(From our Special Correspondent in South Formosa.)
Anping, via Amoy, July 1, 10.33 a.m.

Under orders from Admiral Buller the British warships and troops have withdrawn from Anping, notwithstanding the protests of the British Consul, to the effect that, in view of a telegram from Sir N. R. O'Connor, the British Minister at Peking, saying the protection would be continued, the British residents, in the meantime, remain in the Settlement.

We understand that the British Consul at Amoy has been informed by the Naval Authorities, in consequence of the alarming telegrams received from Anping to-day, that the Senior Naval Officer at Anping has instructions to render all possible assistance to the British residents at Anping should emergency demand it.

FIGHTING IN NORTH FORMOSA.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR THE JAPANESE.
(From our Special Correspondent.)
Tamsui, June 29, 5.26 p.m.

Your correspondent with the Japanese army, writing from Tackham on the 22nd June, states that the Japanese forces encountered the remnants of the Chinese northern army near Tackham on the 21st June and near Tackham on the 22nd June. At both places the Chinese were defeated, although a strong resistance was made from Tienliang and Tackham. The Chinese lost over one hundred men and the Japanese had eighteen men killed and wounded.

THE BRITISH SHIPS CLEARING FOR ACTION.

Shanghai, June 24.
The *Whampoa* arrived at Shanghai yesterday from Anping, having left that port on the morning of the 18th instant. She arrived there on the 10th, and found H.M.S. *Spartan* in port, while there were 40 marines and bluejackets on shore housed at the old German Consulate for the protection of the residents. The Japanese rebel General told the British Consul and the *Spartan* to leave, as he said he would protect the residents and property at Anping, a request which it is needless to say was not complied with.

On the 19th, a Japanese man-of-war appeared in the harbor, and anchored off the wharves, but the Chinese made no attempt to fire at her, and on the 13th, a small Japanese gunboat arrived and anchored, and about twenty minutes afterwards the forts opened fire on her with their 28-ton guns. Five shots in all were fired, the shortest falling about thirty yards off the bow of the *Spartan*, and the others fell between the *Whampoa* and *Spartan*, but none of them reached the Japanese gunboat which got up anchor and proceeded outside in the direction of Peking. On the following day the *Whampoa* left Amoy with dispatches for the Admiral asking him to send reinforcements, and she took away a lot of treasure. The *Whampoa* returned on the 16th with news that H.M.S. *Rainbow* and *Redoubt* were coming, and the same afternoon the *Rainbow* arrived at cleared anchorage, and when she got amongst the shipping she signalled to proceed to sea. In the meantime the *Spartan* cleared for action very smartly, but the rebel General did not open fire on the men-of-war as he said he would. Later on, the steam-junk *Anging* flying the white ensign went along, side the *Whampoa* and took a junk to convey 80 marines and bluejackets ashore to reinforce those already there. The *Whampoa* and *Spartan*, with their guns run out, moving up and down to front of the forts into which they were to fire, if the General fired on the junk, as he said he would, but he thought better of it and the men got ashore safely. On the 17th the Norwegian steamer *Jyde* arrived, and the *Rainbow* arrived, and the same afternoon the *Rainbow* arrived at cleared anchorage, and when she got amongst the shipping she signalled to proceed to sea. In the meantime the *Spartan* cleared for action very smartly, but the rebel General did not open fire on the men-of-war as he said he would. 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FROM GLASGOW, MANCHESTER.

No Claims will be admitted after 2 o'clock. Goods have left the Godown, and no Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Underinsured before Noon on the 2nd July, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 1st July.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 2nd July will be subject to suit.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded at loss notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

Bills of Lading will be counterseigned & signed by
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Agents.

Hongkong, June 26, 1895.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND

Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods in the afternoon alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded under notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Harbour.

KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO.,
 and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
 No Claims will be admitted after
 Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
 remaining undelivered after the 3rd July
 will be subject to rent.
 All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
 are to be left in the Godowns, where they
 will be examined on the 3rd July, at 3 p.m.
 No Fire Insurance has been effected.
 SIEMSEN & Co.

1 Hongkong, June 27, 1895. 1

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	Manila	To-morr
	Shanghai	To-morr
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Ship Co.	Swatow, &c.	To-morr
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ain Robert L. Groome	Chefoo
ander De Lisle	Yokohama
l, Conyers Lang	Chefoo
ain Ch. J. Norcock	Behring Sea
ain J. M. McQuhae	Yokohama
ander MacArthur	Nagasaki
William B. Henderson	Yokohama

Com. Ravenhill	Shanghai
John Main Count Metaxa	Hankow
Commander Bearcroft	Kobe
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Com. Phillips	Bahring Sea
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	Shanghai

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Com. C. G. May	Amoy
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